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Obituary—Jay L. Grosfeld, M.D. (1935–2016)



On October 19, 2016, the global pediatric surgery community lost a significant leader and greatest ambassador with the passing of Dr Jay L Grosfeld. In 1972, Dr. Grosfeld was appointed Professor and Director of Pediatric Surgery at Indiana University and the first Surgeon-in-Chief of the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. In 1985, he was appointed Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine, the first pediatric surgeon in the USA so honored.

Dr. Grosfeld served as President of the American Pediatric Surgical Association, Chairman of the Surgical Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics, President of the American Surgical Association, Vice President of the American College of Surgeons, the only pediatric surgeon to serve as Chairman of the American Board of Surgery, President of the World Federation of Associations of Pediatric Surgeons, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the APSA

Foundation.

Dr Grosfeld has been honored with multiple prestigious awards worldwide including the Denis Browne Gold Medal by the British Association of Pediatric Surgeons in 1998 and the William E. Ladd Medal from the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2002, the highest honor bestowed on a pediatric surgeon in America.

Most importantly, Dr Grosfeld served as the leader and third Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Pediatric Surgery since 1994. Under Dr Grosfeld's stewardship, the Journal of Pediatric Surgery grew in influence and spun off Seminars in Pediatric Surgery and the Journal of Pediatric Surgery Case Reports. Dr Grosfeld developed fully electronic submission and publishing processes and recently expanded the immediate impact of the Journal using Social Media.

Dr Grosfeld influenced a generation of trainees at his home program and around the globe. Dr. Grosfeld will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege, pleasure and honor of knowing him.

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